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SUBJECT: CSCE: EC NINE PAPER ON FOLLOW-ON ARRANGEMENTS

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1. WE DISCUSSED WITH TICKELL TODAY CURRENT EC NINE PROPOSALS CONCERNING CSCE FOLLOW-ON MACHINERY. TICKELL EXPANDED ON EC NINE REASONING BEHIND PAPER. EC NINE ARE IN EFFECT SAYING THAT THERE ARE TWO CRITERIA BY WHICH DESIRABILITY OF ESTABLISHING FOLLOW-ON MACHINERY SHOULD BE JUDGED: (A) RESULTS OF CONFERENCE ITSELF AND (B)

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WORKED OUT AT CSCE. IN ESSENCE EC NINE ARE SUGGESTING THAT EAST BE PUT "ON PROBATION" FOR A VARIABLE PERIOD OF YEARS. THREE TO FOUR YEARS PERIOD MENTIONED IN EC NINE DRAFT IS DEFINITELY NEGOTIABLE, TICKELL SAID. APPARENTLY NINE ARE SPLIT ON LENGTH OF TIME AND THREE-FOUR YEARS WAS COMPROMISE.

2. COMMENTING ON THE IDEA OF PERIODIC MEETINGS OF CSCE COORDINATING COMMITTEE AS POST-CONFERENCE FOLLOW-ON ARRANGEMENT, TICKELL EXPRESSED NEGATIVE VIEW. TO AGREE TO THIS WOULD IN EFFECT MEAN THAT ONE WAS CREATING NUCLEUS OF PERMANENT MACHINERY. AS TICKELL PUT IT EC NINE THOUGHT DECISION ON WHETHER OR NOT TO CREATE MACHINERY WAS QUESTION OF TIMING. NINE DID NOT REJECT OR RULE OUT FOLLOW-ON MACHINERY; THEY SIMPLY DID NOT WANT TO MAKE COMMITMENT UNTIL AFTER EAST HAD GONE THROUGH "PROBATIONARY" PERIOD. THE DECISION SHOULD MERELY BE "POSTPONED," TICKELL ASSERTED.

3. FINALLY, TICKELL CONTENDED THAT IDEAS EC NINE HAVE EXPRESSED IN THEIR PAPER HAD BEEN AIRED AT SPECIAL MEETING OF SPC ON CSCE ATTENDED BY EXPERTS FROM CAPITALS AT NATO ON JANUARY 11, ALTHOUGH THEY HAD AT THAT TIME NOT BEEN GIVEN PRECISION OF DRAFT WHICH EC NINE PRODUCED AT RECENT MEETING OF POLITICAL DIRECTORS. HE AGAIN SAID THAT HE HOPED US WOULD BE ABLE TO OFFER COMMENTS ON EC NINE PAPER BEFORE FOREIGN MINISTERS MEET AT END OF THIS WEEK.

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